

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30 and add claims 33-36 as follows:

1.16. CANCELLED

17. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a molded, lacquered, [[or]] painted or dry coated product with a surface having antivirus activity even against SARS coronavirus, wherein comprising at least one of molding a product, lacquering a product, painting a product, and dry coating a product with a plastic composition comprising an antivirus effective amount of an inorganic derivative containing at least one of silver, including silver salts and silver containing complexes is used.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the plastic of the plastic composition is a thermosetting resin.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the thermosetting resin is an amino resin selected from the group consisting of urea-formaldehyde resin, melamine-formaldehyde resin, melamine-urea-formaldehyde resin or a polyester.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the plastic composition is initially present as a solid molding compound in the form of powder, tablets, pellets or granules before forming into a molded product.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the plastic composition is present applied as a dry constituent in a powder coating on the product.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the composition contains free formaldehyde or a formaldehyde containing compound which can release formaldehyde.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the plastic composition comprises at least one filler selected from the group consisting of cellulose, glass fiber, carbon fiber, mica, lime and wood ~~floor~~ flour.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the thermosetting resin is present in liquid form, ~~usually as a lacquer or paint~~ comprising maleimide lacquer, melamine-formaldehyde resin, urea-formaldehyde resin or melamine-urea-formaldehyde resin, including the step of applying the thermosetting resin to the product in liquid form as a lacquer or paint.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the inorganic derivative containing silver is selected from the group consisting of silver sulphate, silver nitrate, silver chloride, silver-sodium-hydrogen-zirconium phosphate and silver sulfadiazine.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the plastic is a thermoplastic comprising polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, a linear polyester and a polyacrylate.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic is present as a foil or a sheet.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein the plastic composition is present as a so-called masterbatch in the form of pellets, granules or tablets having a content of inorganic silver derivative of 0.02 to 0.30 parts by weight per part by weight of the whole masterbatch, which masterbatch might have a high content of pigment also and intended to be mixed with a major part of the thermoplastic before any molding.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic is a polyacrylate or a linear polyester in liquid form as a lacquer or a paint.

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the content of inorganic silver derivative is present in an amount of 0.00001 to 0.10 parts by weight, ~~preferably 0.00003 to 0.001 parts by weight or, rather 0.00005 to 0.00008 parts by weight calculated per part by weight of the whole composition.~~

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the molded products comprise sanitary articles, kitchen ware, table ware, ornamental articles, electrotechnology components and thermosetting laminates.

32. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A molded, lacquered or painted product having a surface with antivirus activity ~~even against SARS coronavirus~~ obtained by the method of claim 17.

33. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the antivirus effective amount is an anti-SARS coronavirus effective amount.

34. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the content of inorganic silver derivative is present in amount of 0.00003 to 0.001 parts by weight, calculated per part by weight of the whole composition.

35. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the content of inorganic silver demonstrative is present in an amount of 0.00005 to 0.0008 parts by weight, calculated per part by weight of the whole composition.

36. (New) The molded, lacquered or painted product having a surface with anti-SARS coronavirus activity obtained by the method of claim 33.